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May 1, 2009

The Honorable James L. Oberstar  
Chairman, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
2165 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John L. Mica  
Ranking Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
2163 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Oberstar and Ranking Member Mica:

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) strongly supports the Route 49-Buckshutem as a high priority project with \$9 million in the next surface transportation authorization bill. Funding this project will improve traffic movement in Cumberland County.

The funding will improve a presently configured six-legged intersection that exhibits substandard geometric features, safety and operational problems. The proposed project creates a new four-legged intersection and realigns two local routes that originally connected to Route 49. These improvements will significantly improve traffic for local residents, commuters, emergency responders and trucks.

**The project is in the Fiscal Year 2009-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) under the FY 2009-2010 NJTPA Study & Development Program. Prior to Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approval of the STIP, there is a public comment period. The HPP funds would fund over 80% of the project.**

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Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a long, horizontal flourish.

Stephen Dilts  
Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Frank LoBiondo